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Date of the notification to DCS: 8/18/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 8/18/2014

Child's name: Parker Hargis

Age at time of incident: 2 ½ years

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Jody Hargis – age 38

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Florence, AZ

Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On August 18, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the drowning of 2 ½-year-old Parker Hargis. The investigation determined that the child's mother, Jody Hargis, neglected Parker by failing to provide supervision when he accessed the family's pool through an unsecured door and gate.

Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian*:

DCS has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect involving Parker and Jody Hargis.

1. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

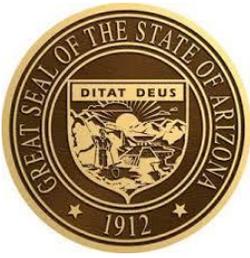
Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were determined to be safe in the home with the parents.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department of Child Safety provided services to the family.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports, or any current or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.